MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF VERNON HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2018, IN COUNCIL CHAMBER OF CITY HALL LOCATED AT 4305 SANTA FE AVENUE, VERNON, CALIFORNIA

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ybarra, Woodruff-Perez, Davis, Martinez, and Lopez

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Mayor Ybarra; Mayor Ybarra also led the flag salute.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

City Clerk Maria Ayala announced there were no changes to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Ybarra announced that this was the time allotted for public comment, and inquired whether anyone in the audience wished to address the City Council. The public will also be given an opportunity to comment on matters on the posted agenda during Council deliberation.

No public comment was provided.

PRESENTATIONS

1. **2018 Used Oil Calendar Awards**
   Presented by: Kevin Sales, KJServices Environmental Consulting

   Kevin Sales, KJServices Environmental Consulting, presented the awards to the student winners and business sponsors who were in attendance.

   Diane Espino, Vernon Elementary School Principal, thanked the City of Vernon and the participating business sponsors.

2. **2017 City of Vernon Exceptional Employee Program**
   Presented by: Michael Earl, Director of Human Resources

   Director of Human Resources Michael Earl presented the 2017 City of Vernon Exceptional Employee Program to the following, all were in attendance:

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<th>VEEP Category</th>
<th>2017 VEEP Award Winners</th>
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<td>Cost-Saving Idea</td>
<td>Masami Higa</td>
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<td>Team Award</td>
<td>Water Division</td>
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<td>Employee of the Year</td>
<td>Anthony Serrano</td>
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3. **Service Pin Awards for November and December 2017**
   Presented by: Michael Earl, Director of Human Resources

   November Anniversary

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<td>Douglas C. Baker</td>
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<td>Thomas J. Egan</td>
<td>Fire</td>
<td>Firefighter/Paramedic</td>
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<td>Andrew G. Kroner</td>
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<td>Todd S. Painton</td>
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December Anniversary

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<td>Renan Castro</td>
<td>Public Works</td>
<td>Lead Warehouse Worker</td>
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<td>Jason G. Tomlinson</td>
<td>Public Works</td>
<td>Senior Mechanic</td>
<td>15</td>
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<td>George Tolmasoff III</td>
<td>Public Utilities</td>
<td>Utilities Dispatcher</td>
<td>10</td>
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<td>William Fox</td>
<td>Finance</td>
<td>Director of Finance/Treasurer</td>
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Director Earl presented the service pin awards for November and December to William Fox, Douglas Baker, and Dan Arellini who were in attendance.

Mayor Ybarra recessed the meeting at 9:22 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:30 a.m.

4. Vernon’s Power Resources
   Presented by: Abraham Alemu, Electric Resources Planning & Development Manager

Electric Resources Planning & Development Manager Abraham Alemu provided a PowerPoint Presentation.

General Manager Kelly Nguyen added additional information regarding renewable energy.

A dialogue ensued between Councilmember Davis and staff regarding the selling of excess resources.

CONSENT CALENDAR

No public comment was provided.

It was moved by Davis and seconded by Martinez to approve all matters listed under the Consent Calendar under one motion as presented. Motion carried, 5-0.

Ybarra: Yes
Woodruff-Perez: Yes
Davis: Yes
Martinez: Yes
Lopez: Yes

Claims Against the City – Received and Filed

5. None

Minutes – To be Received and Filed

6. Minutes of the Regular Vernon Housing Authority Meeting held June 7, 2016
7. Minutes of the Industrial Development Authority Meeting held December 6, 2016
8. Minutes of the Regular Public Benefits Resource Committee Meeting held June 6, 2017
9. Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held November 7, 2017
10. Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held December 5, 2017
11. Minutes of the Regular Vernon Historic Preservation Society Meeting held December 5, 2017

12. Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held December 19, 2017

Warrant Registers

13. Ratification of the following City Warrant Register to record the following voided checks:
   A. City Warrant Register No. 1473 to record voided Check No. 354845 in the amount of $750.00.

14. Ratification of the following Light & Power Warrant Registers to record the following voided checks:
   A. Light & Power Warrant Register No. 1485 to record voided Check No. 513040 in the amount of $352.66.

15. Approval of City Payroll Register No. 739, totaling $2,893,11.52, which covers the period of December 1 through December 31, 2017, and consists of the following:
   A. Ratification of direct deposit, checks and taxes totaling $2,306,186.68; and
   B. Checks and electronic fund transfers (ETF) paid through General bank account totaling $586,924.84.

16. Approval of City Warrant Register No. 1486, totaling $1,938,624.42, which covers the period of December 12 through January 8, 2018, and consists of the following:
   A. Ratification of wire transfers totaling $1,273,727.87; and
   B. Ratification of the issuance of early checks totaling $664,896.55; and
   C. Authorization to issue pending checks totaling $4,948.13.

17. Approval of Light & Power Warrant Register No. 451, totaling $6,351,041.35, which covers the period of December 12 through January 16, 2018, and consists of the following:
   A. Ratification of wire transfers totaling $6,330,701.44; and
   B. Ratification of the issuance of early checks totaling $20,339.91

18. Approval of Gas Warrant Register No. 239, totaling $1,996,261.33, which covers the period of December 12 through January 8, 2018, and consists of the following:
   A. Ratification of wire transfers totaling $1,987,699.78; and
   B. Ratification of the issuance of early checks totaling $8,561.55.

19. Approval of RDA Obligation Retirement Fund Warrant Register No. 41, totaling $7,000.00, which covers the period of November 28 through January 8, 2018, and consists of the following:
   A. Ratification of wire transfers totaling $7,000.00.

City Clerk Department
20. Resolution No. 2018-01 - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Vernon approving and authorizing the execution of an Agreement to Terminate Historic Building Preservation Agreement by and between the City of Vernon and the Vernon Historic Preservation Society

Recommendation:

A. Find that the Resolution Terminating the Historic Building Preservation Agreement does not constitute a “project” pursuant to section 15378(b)(2) of the Guidelines to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), because it constitutes an administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment; and even if the adoption of the proposed resolution did constitute a project, it would be exempt from CEQA in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3), the general rule that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment; and

B. Adopt a Resolution Terminating the Historic Building Preservation Agreement.

Fire Department

21. Activity Report for the period of November 16 through November 30, 2017

22. Activity Report for the period of December 1 through December 15, 2017

23. Activity Report for the period of December 16 through December 31, 2017

Health and Environmental Control Department


Police Department

25. Activity Log and Statistical Summary of Arrests and Activities for the period of December 1, through December 15, 2017, to be received and filed

26. Activity Log and Statistical Summary of Arrests and Activities for the period of December 16, through December 31, 2017, to be received and filed

Public Utilities Department

27. Ratification of the submission to the California Energy Commission of the Attestation of the Veracity of the 2016 Power Source Disclosure Program Annual Report and the Power Content Label

Recommendation:

A. Find that approval of the proposed action is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) review, because it is an administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment, and therefore does not constitute a “project” as defined by CEQA Guidelines section 15378; and

B. Ratification of the submission to the California Energy Commission (CEC) of the attestation, signed by Abraham Alenu, Integrated Resource Manager (former title Electric Resources Planning and Development Manager), of the veracity of the 2016 Public Source Disclosure Program Annual Report and the Power Content Label

NEW BUSINESS

Public Works Department
28. Acceptance of Work of Best Contracting Services, Inc. regarding Contract CS-0821: City Hall Roof Repairs

Recommendation:

A. Affirm that accepting the work of Best Contracting Services, Inc. for the City Hall Roof Repairs, Contract CS-0821 is categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") review, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15301 (i.e., maintenance, repair or minor alteration of an existing structure, involving negligible or no expansion of existing use) and 15302 (i.e., replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced); and

B. Accept the work of Best Contracting Services, Inc. as part of the City Hall Roof Repairs, Contract CS-0821, and authorize the staff to submit a Notice of Completion for the project to the County of Los Angeles Recorder’s Office.

Public Works Director Daniel Wall reported on the proposed.

No public comment was provided.

It was moved by Woodruff-Perez and seconded by Davis to accept the work of Best Contracting Services, Inc. as part of the City Hall Roof Repairs, Contract CS-0821, and authorize the staff to submit a Notice of Completion for the project to the County of Los Angeles Recorder’s Office. Motion carried, 5-0.

Ybarra: Yes
Woodruff-Perez: Yes
Davis: Yes
Martinez: Yes
Lopez: Yes

ORAL REPORTS

29. City Administrator Reports – brief reports on activities and other brief announcements.

City Administrator Carlos Fandino reported on the following: Power outages throughout the City; a train derailment that damaged power lines; possible January 9th homicide; Fire Department response to wildfires across California; Andrew Guth celebrated last day on December 26th; Holiday Charity drives; a line fire drill; and the Employee Holiday event.

30. City Council Reports – brief AB1234 reports, or report on: activities, announcements, or directives to staff.

At 10:12 a.m., the City Council entered into closed session to discuss the following agendized items:

CLOSED SESSION

31. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT
   Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)

   Title: Director of Health & Environmental Control

32. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION
   Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

   Jerrick Torres and Lyndon Ong Yiu vs. City of Vernon, et al.
   Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC620265
At 10:31 a.m. the City Council exited closed session. Senior Deputy City Attorney Brian Byun reported that two items were discussed and that no reportable action was taken.

With no further business, at 10:31 a.m., Mayor Ybarra adjourned the meeting.

Melissa Ybarra
Mayor

ATTEST:

Maria E. Ayala
City Clerk